

## What's Happening in the Stepping Stones Classroom in September?!

<p><b><u>In the Meeting Space</u></b></p> <p>Our Meeting Space will be just inside the door to the Outdoor Classroom and will be utilized for whole group interactions including games, discussions, stories and sharing. We will focus on getting to know each other.</p>	<p><b><u>In the Art Studio</u></b></p> <p>Our Art Studio will be part of the Outdoor Classroom as weather permits. We will be exploring different materials and getting a feel for the children's interests and needs. They will have the opportunity to explore paint, glue, scissors, collage, watercolor and more.</p>
<p><b><u>In Home Sweet Home</u></b></p> <p>Our Home Sweet Home area is a kitchen and family themed area Children can explore family role playing with materials that support many areas of our curriculum; cooperation, writing, dramatic play, communication, language and vocabulary. It is just inside the door to the Outdoor Classroom.</p>	<p><b><u>At ABCs and 123s</u></b></p> <p>This month we will introducing the children to their journals and establishing our journal writing routines. We will also begin our year long exploration of number concepts. We start with the number one then move consecutively building a variety of number concepts into our curriculum. This will take place in the Outdoor Classroom.</p>
<p><b><u>In the Block Area</u></b></p> <p>We begin the year with basic unit blocks and a variety of specialty blocks and embellishments, including our new Calico Critters and their home. We will also have Dinosaurs; the Block Area will evolve with the children's' expertise and interests. Our Block Area is in the Outdoor Classroom.</p>	<p><b><u>In the Science Lab</u></b></p> <p>We will be introducing our class pet, an African Dwarf Frog. The children will also have the opportunity to explore our Outdoor Garden Center, Magnet Wall and Geo Wall. We are starting the year with Bears and Tree Blocks.</p>
<p><b><u>Other</u></b></p> <p>The children are welcome and encouraged to bring items from home that correspond with our Letter of the Week! For example, a mermaid doll for Mm.</p>	<p><b><u>Letter / Number of the Week</u></b></p> <p>Week of September 2--No Letter or Number  Week of Sept 8--Mm / 1  Week of Sept 15--Tt / 2  Week of Sept 22--Aa / 3  Week of Sept 29--Ss / 4</p>

Our classroom and curriculum looks a little different this year, but we have worked hard to create versatile spaces that can be easily moved and provide easy access to materials for students. Most of our classroom time in September will be in the Outdoor Classroom as weather permits.